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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed:

Examiner stated that claim 1 included a formality that was missed, which was an oversight when reviewing the claims. The formality is that the second subtracting step and the adding step of claim each recite "a minimum wager amount," which should have been recited as "the minimum wager amount" since the comparing step recites "a minimum wager amount." This was clearly an oversight since claims 10 and 33 either originally recited the minimum wager amount without this informality or was subsequently recited as discussed to resolve this informality and provide proper antecedent basis. Examiner and applicants agree that the informality resulting from an antecedent basis problem does not cause a clarity issue since it is understood from the specification that there are not different minimum wager amounts.